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League of Filipino Students

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FOREIGN DELEGATES
TO THE EAST TIMOR CONFERENCE

The League of Filipino Students, a national democratic activist organization, salutes the foreign delegates to the East Timor conference. They have, despite threats of prosecution, deportation or physical harm, insisted on coming over to the Philippines to forge solidarity links with the Maurebe people's struggle for self-determination.

The LFS resolutely condemns the fascist U.S.-Ramos regime for its dastardly act of curtailing the rights of people to free expression and peaceful assembly. Gen. Ramos has pushed all the buttons of his fascist machine to make sure that the atrocities of his fascist brother, Gen. Suharto, shall not be exposed.

The banning of the conference is a favor that only a fascist can give another fascist. Several months before, Suharto has provided Ramos with a favor by sponsoring the so-called peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the Moro National Liberation Front. Indonesia served as a venue for the negotiated surrender of the Moro people's struggle for self-determination. Gen. Suharto has helped Gen. Ramos in the latter's effort to misrepresent himself as a man of peace.

By banning the East Timor conference in the Philippines, Ramos has returned the favor of Suharto. He has helped the Indonesian fascist leader downplay the horrible ethnocide of the Maurebe people by echoing the false line that East Timor is Indonesia's 27th province; aside of course, from the fact that Ramos has conveniently forgotten all about the massacre of millions in 1969 as the Philippine fascist leader regard the Indonesian butcher as a friend of the Filipino people.

Only the fascist regimes of Suharto and Ramos stand to benefit from this ban. This is an affront on the peoples both of East Timor and the Philippines.

Still, we should remember that such fascist attacks could not stop the rising tide of a people's struggle for self-determination and national liberation from colonialism and neo-colonialism. In fact, nothing can. If there is anything that could arise from such fascist acts, it is the intensification of a people's desire to be free.

The LFS, thus, enjoins the foreign delegates to raise the level of their militant determination to link-up with the struggle against the fascist regimes of Gen. Suharto and Gen. Ramos. Self-determination and national liberation depends foremost on a people's endeavor to militantly struggle and build-up mass organized and armed strength.

We call on the foreign delegates to use this occassion to launch protest actions supporting the militant and heroic revolutionary armed struggle of the East Timorese and deploring the fascist regimes of Gen. Suharto and Gen. Ramos.

Along this path, the LFS shall be marching with you.

Protest against the fascist regimes of Suharto and Ramos!
Support the revolutionary armed struggle of the East Timorese for self-determination!
Support the Filipino people's struggle for national liberation!

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